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| 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114  a. □ Previously submitted i. □ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed. ii. □ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. □ Other b. ☑ Enclosed   |  |   |          |          |                     |  |                        |  |  |
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